Dear USD Parents and Families,

This past weekend we welcomed more than 1,200 new students to campus. With over 2,000 parents and family members also participating in the weekend's festivities, the campus was full of laughter, love and the Torero spirit.

As we prepare for all the adventures that we'll experience this upcoming year, we invite you to take a look through the following newsletter. It includes information on campus initiatives, university events, and Torero highlights. Each month during the academic year we will send a newsletter directly to your inbox. Full of helpful and insightful tips for Torero parents and families, this will be your resource for everything that is happening on campus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Founders Chapel Mass is every Sunday at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- Mass for Peace is every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.
- First day to use meal plan Tuesday, September 5
- Welcome Week begins Wednesday, September 6
- Fall semester classes begin Wednesday, September 6
- Patriot Day Monday, September 11
- Fall Alcalá Bazaar Tuesday, September 12
If there is anything we can do to assist you as you settle into this new year, please don’t hesitate to contact our office. As always, we are here to make your Torero experience even better.

In Torero Spirit,

The Office of Parent and Family Relations

Renda ‘86, Regina ‘12, and Allyson ‘16

A Message from Carmen Vazquez
Vice President, Student Affairs

Dear Torero Families,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter to you today to begin the 2017-2018 academic year. This past weekend we had the opportunity to welcome many new students and families to our USD community. During Olé Weekend, I personally connected with a number of students and families from all across the country and internationally. I had a wonderful time engaging with our new community members. The excitement, anticipation, and the beginning of many new connections always energizes me. Now that Olé Weekend has ended and students are settling into the USD community, I want to assure you that the orientation process will continue and together we will work to support the transition of our new students and families. Click here to continue reading.

Important Wellness Requirements:

Actively enroll in or waive the USD Student Health Insurance Plan

- New incoming full-time students for Fall 2017 are subject to the USD Student Health Insurance Requirement. If your student is incoming for Fall 2017, please work with them to learn how to enroll in or waive the health insurance plan. If no form is submitted, your student will remain enrolled and billed accordingly.
- Failure to complete this by September 15, will result in your student being enrolled in the annual student health insurance plan and USD Health Insurance charged to their student account.
- For more information about the USD Student Health Insurance Requirement and Plan, visit http://www.sandiego.edu/health-insurance/.

Barrett Hotels Partnership

Click here to learn more about USD's partnership with Bartell Hotels.

Additional Resources

http://giving.sandiego.edu/controls/email_marketing/admin/email_marketing_email_viewer.aspx?sid=1374&eiid=4610&seiid=4665&usearchive=1&puid...
MyStudentBody

- All first-year and transfer students are required to complete the online MyStudentBody.com Essentials course: a two-part alcohol, other drug and sexual violence prevention course. Access to the MyStudentBody.com course began on July 27, 2017.
- Part 2, the 60 day follow-up, must be completed by October 27, 2017.
- For more information about this requirement, visit www.sandiego.edu/health-wellness.
- A $250 non-compliance fee will be assessed to students who do not fully comply with both portions of the course requirements within the deadlines.

Complete Required Immunizations and Submit Verification Forms

- For information about immunization requirements, forms, and submission deadlines, visit http://www.sandiego.edu/health-center/immunizations/requirements.php.

Make Early Contact with Wellness Services

- If your student has an on-going psychological or health condition, needs regular access to prescription medication, or has a documented disability and is requesting accommodations, please contact the appropriate Wellness unit.
- Please take time to visit http://www.sandiego.edu/wellness/ to become familiar with the many services we have in place to help your student stay healthy and address health concerns.
- For information regarding Sexual Violence Education, please visit http://www.sandiego.edu/care/.

Just One Contact - Your Referral is Needed

The "Just One Contact" initiative aims to connect students with industry professionals. If you or someone you know is interested in being an industry contact and resource for student internships and jobs, please contact Sheila Schaffzin by emailing sschaffzin@sandiego.edu or by calling 619.260.4654. Just one contact can make a difference in a student’s life.

Wondering what happens if you connect with the Career Development Center and provide an employer referral?

CDev will directly connect with you, or your referral, to go over custom engagement options that make sense for their business, resources, and recruiting needs. This may mean...
an invite to a career fair, sending instructions to post on our online job board (Handshake), setting up on-campus interviews with students, and more!

Last year from your Parent referrals we had two out-of-state parents host students for an office tour and career chat during Torero Treks in their cities and another parent will be doing the same this year! On-campus interview days that resulted from Parent referrals ranged from Northrop Grumman for various nationwide openings to Little Harbor Advisors for their Massachusetts summer internship opportunity.

CDev looks forward to developing more partnerships and providing many more exciting internship and job opportunities for Toreros!

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**Upcoming Career Development Center Events**

The Career Development Center encourages you to check in with your student about attending upcoming events! Career Cafe on September 19th will offer free professional LinkedIn headshots, resume reviews by employers, and much more! It's a drop in/out event and a great way to prepare. The Torero Talent Career Fair for internships and jobs will be on September 26th. It's great to attend even if exploring. Resumes should be brought and business professional attire is encouraged. More details and other events can be found at [http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/events/](http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/events/).

Applications for Torero Treks are open! These are career exploration days visiting companies off campus to learn about various industries, cities, and organizations. More details are found at [http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/treks/](http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/treks/)

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**Getting Involved with University Ministry**

**First Sunday Night Mass**
Sunday, September 10th
7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
Founders Chapel
All are welcome to our weekly Masses in Founders Chapel as we experience the real presence of God in our midst.

**Mass of the Holy Spirit**
Thursday, September 14th
12:15 p.m.
The Immaculata
All are welcome to this beautiful tradition which commemorates the start of the academic year. Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of San Diego, will be the presider.
Tijuana Service Trip
Saturday, September 16th
All day
For more information, or to sign up, visit
www.sandiego.edu/tjdaytrip

First Year Retreat
October 27th - 29th
For more information, or to sign up, visit
www.sandiego.edu/fyretreat

USD Study Abroad

Through the USD School of Business' unique Dual Degree program, business majors have the opportunity to earn two business degrees – one from USD and the second degree from a partner university abroad. Current partners are located in France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, and Spain. Participation in these programs takes careful advanced planning and first year students are strongly encouraged to talk with the School of Business advising office immediately if they are interested in pursuing this unique opportunity.

Application Reminder: Applications for our intersession 2018 programs are currently available and are due in late September. Please visit our intersession 2018 program listing for more details and program specific deadlines.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Study Abroad Fair - September 13 in front of the University Center from 10:30am - 2pm
Study Abroad 101 Session - September 8 at 2:45pm in Serra Hall 215 (there are sessions on Fridays and Tuesdays throughout the semester)

For more information about the study abroad program opportunities, please contact the USD International Center at 619-260-4598.

Save the Date: Homecoming and Family Weekend
October 12 - October 15, 2017

Don't forget to register for Homecoming and Family Weekend. Click here to register for the weekend.
University of San Diego Ranks 10th Nationally on Sierra Magazine's "Cool Schools" List

The University of San Diego ranks 10th nationally on the 2017 “Cool Schools” list of the greenest colleges and universities in a study released today by Sierra magazine.

USD is the highest-ranking school in San Diego County for its efforts to protect the environment, address climate change issues, and promote sustainability.

“We are honored to receive this national recognition that reflects our efforts to respond to Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’ or ‘On Care for Our Common Home’,” said USD President James T. Harris. “USD has developed a bold and comprehensive plan to turn the Pope’s call for dialogue into action, and this ranking is a testament to our ongoing sustainability efforts.” Click here to continue reading.

Financial Avenue Provides Online Financial Education for USD Students

The University of San Diego Office of Financial Aid has teamed with Inceptia, a nonprofit organization, to give students a head start on their financial education via Financial Avenue, an online program. This resource can help demystify the world of personal finance. It’s all about empowering students with smart basics and good planning skills. With Inceptia’s money mascot, the Knowl, students have access to ten online courses that can help prepare them for financial success. Get started by setting up your private account at https://fa.financialavenue.org/. Once
Giving just click the “Login” link at the top of the page, click to sign up as a student, and then provide the access code shown below. To create your account, you’ll need your USD email address and a password of your choosing.

USD ACCESS CODES:
Undergraduate students: Toreroundergrad

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Financial Aid Fall Newsletter

Please take a few minutes to read the latest edition of the [Financial Aid Newsletter](#) for important information relating to the 2018-19 FAFSA, Cal Grant Deadlines, Student Employment Opportunities, changes to Federal Direct Loan Origination Fees and Interest Rates, and much more.

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Learn From My Mistakes and Avoid These Common Roommate Problems

"I’m 21, and I’ve had 33 roommates.

I’ve had at least one roommate at a time, at most six, and everything in between. I’ve slept four to a room, and six to a tiny apartment. Right now, I live in one of the most spacious, least populous living arrangements I’ve ever had — my own room in a two-bedroom in Manhattan, in which I can actually fit a queen-size bed."

[Click here to read more from The New York Times.](#)

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